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Howie et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, after line 1, please add the following:

FRELATED APPLICATION DATA

This application claims the benefit of Howie et al., U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/083,678, filed April 30, 1998, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Load Rate Monitoring."

REMARKS

Applicants amend the Application to include reference to a provisional application. The provisional application was listed as a priority document when the PCT patent application was filed on April 22, 1999. No new matter is introduced by the amendment.

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